AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by rewriting the following paragraphs, as set forth below in marked-up form.

In the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25:

--Fig. 4 is a graph obtained by experiments, carried out using the humidifying device shown in Figs. 2 and 3, illustrating the relationship of the humidity of the oxygen-concentrated gas, as a gas to be humidified, with respect to a ratio (the cross-sectional area ratio = $\underline{\Sigma S_{hy}/\ (S_{ap}-\Sigma S_{hy})}$$\Sigma S_{hy}/S_{ap}$) between a sum of the cross-sectional areas of the hollow fibers 14a (ΣS_{hy}) and a cross-sectional area of an air passage. The cross-sectional area of an air passage is obtained by subtracting the sum of the cross-sectional areas of the hollow fibers 14a from the cross-sectional area S_{ap} of the operation chamber 17. The experiments were carried out using the bundle 14 of 200 to 1,000 hollow fibers 14a formed of polyimide membrane, each having an inner diameter of approximately 400μm, an outer diameter of approximately 500μm, a length of 150 mm and a water vapor permeation rate of approximately 200×10^{-5} cm^3 (STP)/(cm^2 sec cm Hg). As a gas to be humidified, oxygen-concentrated gas at 23°C was supplied at a flow rate of 5000 cm^3/min. The fan 16 was a small-sized, axial flow fan of a low noise type, by which air of 23°C and 50%RH was supplied.--